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U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
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5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
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Gentlemen,

Subject: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

I urge you to grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for the following reasons:

- Downed animals – animals too sick even to stand – are commonly left to suffer for hours or days without receiving food, water, or veterinary care, and in many instances, they die of neglect.
- They are dragged to slaughter with chains or pushed with tractors and forklifts – inhumane methods that cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.
- Downed animals who survive handling and transportation are typically *slaughtered for human food*.
- In addition to causing intolerable animal suffering, the slaughter and marketing of downed animals poses a risk to human health.

The marketing and slaughter of downed animals causes intense animal suffering and poses an unnecessary health risk. Again, I urge you to grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Sincerely,

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